IN THE CLAIMS:

1. **(Canceled)**.

2. **(Currently amended)** A device according to claim 20, wherein the mould [[(31)]] is rectangular transverse to the casting direction.

3. **(Canceled)**.

4. **(Canceled)**.

5. **(Currently amended)** A device according to claim 20, wherein the magnetic cores ~~(25-28)~~ are arranged with a space therebetween and the coil ~~(36, 37)~~ is positioned substantially right in front of said space.

6. **(Currently amended)** A device according to claim 20, wherein the yoke ~~(32, 33)~~ substantially defines a bar or plate, and the coil ~~(36, 37)~~ is wound around a centre portion ~~(34, 35)~~ of the bar or plate.

7. **(Canceled)**.

8. **(Currently amended)** A device according to claim 20, wherein the yoke ~~(32, 33)~~ comprises a portion ~~(34, 35)~~ which is detachable from the rest of the yoke ~~(32, 33)~~ and carries the coil ~~(36, 37)~~.

9. **(Currently amended)** A device according to claim 8, wherein the yoke ~~(32, 33)~~ defines a cradle arranged to receive the portion ~~(34, 35)~~ carrying the coil ~~(36, 37)~~ and allow displacement of said portion ~~(34, 35)~~ substantially vertically out of said cradle.

10. **(Currently amended)** A device according to according to claim 9, wherein the yoke ~~(32, 33)~~, in addition to said portion ~~(34, 35)~~ carrying the coil ~~(36, 37)~~, comprises two yoke parts ~~(38, 39; 40, 41)~~, arranged on opposite sides of this portion ~~(34, 35)~~, forming said cradle.

and each having a surface ~~(46, 47; 48, 49)~~ adapted to abut against a respective magnetic core ~~(25, 26; 27, 28)~~.

11. **(Currently amended)** A device according to claim 20, wherein the yoke ~~(32, 33)~~ comprises at least one portion ~~(42-45)~~ detachably connected to the rest of the yoke ~~(32, 33)~~ and arranged to be detached for access of parts of the device which are arranged vertically under the electromagnetic brake.

12. **(Currently amended)** A device according to claim 11, wherein said portion ~~(42-45)~~ is a peripheral portion of the yoke ~~(32, 33)~~ pivoted relative to the rest of the yoke ~~(32, 33)~~.

13-19. **(Canceled)**.

20. **(Currently amended)** A device for continuous or semi-continuous casting of metals, comprising a mould and an electromagnetic brake, said mould having two opposing long sides and defining a casting direction and said electromagnetic brake comprising [[two]] first and second magnetic cores ~~(25, 26; 27, 28)~~ arranged on one said long side of the mould ~~(31)~~ and permanently attached thereto, and a yoke ~~(32, 33)~~ which is detachably connected to the [[two]] first and second magnetic cores ~~(25, 26; 27, 28)~~, said yoke ~~(32, 33)~~ carrying at least one coil ~~(36, 37)~~, substantially between the [[two]] first and second magnetic cores ~~(25, 26; 27, 28)~~ interconnected by the yoke ~~(32, 33)~~, wherein the coil ~~(36, 37)~~ is substantially parallel to said one long side ~~(29, 30)~~ of the mould ~~(31)~~, ~~the~~ a centre axis of the coil ~~(36, 37)~~ extends substantially perpendicularly to said casting direction in the mould ~~(31)~~, and the

magnetic cores ~~(25, 26; 27, 28)~~ cover substantially ~~an entire width~~ the long side of the mould ~~(31)~~, except for a center portion ~~of the mould (31)~~ thereof.

21-25. **(Cancel)**

26. **(Previously presented)** A device according to claim 10, wherein said two yoke parts are each generally L-shaped.

27. **(New)** A device for casting metals comprising a mould having two opposed long sides that define a downward casting direction, and an electromagnetic brake, said electromagnetic brake comprising:

first and second spaced magnetic cores permanently attached to an outer side of one of said long sides of said mould, and

a yoke which comprises first and second parts which are respectively detachably connected to said first and second magnetic cores, a third part positioned between said first and second parts, and a coil wrapped around said third part so that a center axis thereof extends substantially perpendicularly to said casting direction, said first and second parts each defining a ledge for providing a cradle on which the third portion can be downwardly positioned.